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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/717,109 filed 11/19/2003
Applicant: Ram I. Mahato, et al
Title: **NOVEL CATIONIC LIPOPOLYMER AS A BIOCOMPATIBLE GENE DELIVERY AGENT**
Group Art Unit: 1645
Attorney Docket No. T8948.CIP.2

Sir/Madam:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement. Enclosed also are the following designated documents, as required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98:

- Form PTO-1449 list of 24 references for your consideration.
- Legible copies of the listed references or their relevant portions not previously submitted.
- Legible copies of the listed non-patent documents and foreign documents or their relevant portions not previously submitted.
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Concise explanation of relevance of each reference not in English and unaccompanied by an English translation.

Statement that certain listed references not enclosed are substantially cumulative of an enclosed reference.

Statement that certain listed references not enclosed were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in prior application nos. 10/083,861, filed on 02/25/2002 and 09/662,511, filed on 09/14/2000 (Patent No. 6,696,038), which are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

In order to secure consideration of the items designated above, one or more of the following, if required, is also enclosed:

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I hereby certify that this paper or fee (along with any paper or fee referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail with sufficient postage on the date indicated above and is addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). Applicant respectfully submits that this Information Disclosure Statement is filed pursuant to:

37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (b)(1) or (3), within three months of the filing date of the application, or before a first office action on the merits, whichever occurs last;

37 C.F.R. § 1.97 (c), after a first office action on the merits, but before a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance, whichever occurs first, and is accompanied by either 1) a statement in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), or 2) the fee set forth in § 1.17(p); or

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Moreover, while no representation is made that a specific search of office files or patent office records has been conducted or that no better art exists, the undersigned attorney of record believes that the references listed, together with any other references which may have been previously submitted or listed, are the closest to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) of which the undersigned is presently aware, and no art which is closer to the claimed invention (taken in its entirety) has been knowingly withheld.

A legible copy of each listed U.S. Patent or publication (or relevant portion thereof) which was not previously submitted to, or cited by, the Patent Office is enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

A legible copy of each of the listed non-patent literature and foreign documents (or relevant portions thereof) which was not previously submitted to, or cited by, the Patent Office is enclosed.

Copies of cited U.S. patents and/or publications are **NOT** enclosed pursuant to the Official Gazette Notice, dated Aug. 5, 2003, waiving the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2)(i).

Copies of certain listed references in the accompanying Form PTO-1449 are **NOT** enclosed because, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), they were previously cited by or submitted to the Office in application numbers 10/083,861, filed 02/25/2002 and 09/662,511, filed 09/14/2000 (Patent No. 6,696,038), which are relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-0100.

Dated this 17th day of August, 2004.

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